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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 17.28 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE
REGARDING MINIMUM GRADING STANDARDS AND GENERAL
REQUIREMENTS.

The City Council of the City of Riverside does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 17.28.020 of the Riverside Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

“Section 17.28.020 Minimum Grading Standards and General Requirements.

The following supplementary regulations shall apply to the grading of hillsides and arroyos.

A. *Grading requirements.* Where grading is proposed on any parcel having an average natural slope of ten percent or greater, or which is zoned Residential Conservation (RC), or which is located within or adjacent to the Mockingbird Canyon, Woodcrest, Prenda, Alessandro, Tequesquite, or Springbrook Arroyos, or a blue line stream identified on USGS Maps, or other significant arroyo, the grading must be confined per this chapter and limited to the minimum grading necessary to provide for ~~a house~~an approved dwelling unit or units, driveway, garage and limited level yard. The ungraded terrain must be left in its natural form for the remainder of the site. All hillside/arroyo grading shall conform to the following general requirements:

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8. Streets shall be designed to generally follow the natural contours and land form in order to minimize cut and fill.

9. Pads ~~sizes~~ for any development in single family residential ~~zones development~~ shall be limited as follows:

a. Multiple pads may be allowed provided all other standards related to grading, slopes and retaining walls are met and that they do not exceed the maximum pad size limits below.

b. Pad sizes shall be limited as follows:

- i. Under ten percent average natural slope within the area to be graded - No limit
- ii. Ten percent to 15 percent average natural slope within the area to be graded - 27,000 square feet
- iii. Fifteen percent to 30 percent average natural slope within the area to be graded - 21,000 square feet
- iv. Thirty percent to 40 percent average natural slope within the area to be graded - 18,000 square feet
- v. Over 40 percent average natural slope - no grading per [17.28.020](#) A. 12.

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Section 2: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), as it can be seen with certainty that approval of the project will not have an effect on the environment; and further that the adoption of an ordinance to implement Sections 65852.21 and 64411.7 of the California Government Code (SB 9) is not a Project and therefore not subject to CEQA.

Section 3: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City of Riverside. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2022.

PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

1 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
2 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the
3 _____ day of _____, 2022, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and
4 regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2022,
5 by the following vote, to wit:

6 Ayes:

7 Noes:

8 Absent:

9 Abstain:

10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
11 City of Riverside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2022.
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